

Yule Assembly Features Choir

The Joplin Junior College Choir, under the direction of Oliver Sovereign, presented an hour of Christmas music for the assembly Wednesday morning.

The program given by the fifty-five member group included the following numbers: "Kyrie Elieson" by Dieterich; "Carol of the Bells" by Leontovich-Wilhousky; a solo, MacGimsey's "Sweet Little Jesus Boy," by Karen Williams; "Mary Had a Baby," Dawson; "Gloucestershire Wassail," Old English Yule song; a solo, "Jesu Bambino," by Maureen Vincent; and "The Song of Christmas." Kathryn Walker and Barbara Whitehead were the accompanists and Bill Bacon was the narrator.

The Choir also sang at the Choir appreciation night on December 11 at the First Methodist Church. Their next appearance will be December 17 at the Joplin Symphony Orchestra Concert.

Faculty Members Go to Conferences

Dean Maurice L. Litton and two J.J.C. faculty members attended the annual "Junior College Day" held last Saturday at the University of Missouri.

Dr. Litton, who is vice-president of the Missouri Association of Junior Colleges, presided at a luncheon meeting and later acted as recorder for a group of administrators who discussed admission policies, instructional programs, transfer students, and adult education programs.

Mrs. Loretta Frazier, J.J.C. librarian, was one of five speakers at a meeting of librarians. Her topic was "Increasing Student Use of the Library."

Dr. Lloyd Dryer, counselor and psychology instructor, also attended the meeting.

Miss Lela Smith and Miss Cleotis Headlee attended the convention of the National Council of Teachers of English in St. Louis during the Thanksgiving vacation.



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Phi Theta Kappa Initiates Five

Five new members were initiated into Eta Chi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Sunday afternoon, November 17. Those qualifying for acceptance into the scholastic fraternity are Billie Krummel, Carl Moellinger, Everett Olson, Clurcy Riggie, and Charles Suman.

Preceding the ceremonies, members told the history of the chapter and of the fraternity in commemoration of "Founder's Day."

To be eligible for membership, one must have an accumulative grade point average of 2.3 the first semester, 2.2 the second, and 2.1 the third. Members must maintain a 2.0 accumulative average.

Y.W.C.A. Sponsors Hungarian Relief Drive

Joplin Junior College has joined other colleges and universities throughout the United States in contributing to the World University Service special drive for Hungarian students. The drive at Joplin is being sponsored by the Y.W.C.A. Luncheon Club.

So far the Y.W.C.A., the Y.M.C.A., and the faculty have given a total of \$29. The Student Senate has pledged \$15, and Circle K has voted to donate \$10. Students may give contributions to Billie Krummel or Carla Hoskins.

The College will conduct the annual World University drive in February when Peyton Short, regional secretary, will appear in an assembly.

College Attendants May Be Eligible For Orphans' Benefits

How would you like to have an additional \$110 per month to assist you in gaining a college education? Well, there's a possibility that you can receive that amount if you can qualify.

In a visit to the College recently, Dr. C. Myking Mehus told Dean Maurice L. Litton that many persons are qualified to receive financial aid under the War Orphans' Educational Assistance Act of 1956 (Public Law 634) who are not doing so.

Dr. Mehus said that the act was passed to give financial aid for the education of young men and women whose fathers or mothers died of injuries resulting from their military service in World War I, World War II, or the Korean conflict. Mehus is chief of the Vocational Rehabilitation and Education Division of the Kansas City Regional Office of the Veterans' Administration.

Mehus said that in order to qualify for the assistance program the orphaned youth generally must be between 18 and 23 years of age. The youth may pursue the same kind of training that veterans do and will be furnished vocational and educational counseling by the Veterans' Administration. He will receive monthly benefits as long as his progress and conduct in the school are satisfactory.

A monthly allowance of \$110 is paid to full-time students; \$89 a month for students who attend school on a three-quarter time basis, and \$50 a month for those who attend half time. If the youth is a veteran and is attending school under some other assistance program, his present schooling will be subtracted from his Orphans' Assistance benefits.

The law also provides for special restorative training to help those handicapped orphans who come under the law to overcome their disabilities. Students who think that they may come under the qualifications of the act have been asked to contact the Kansas City Regional office of the Veterans' Administration.

Christmas Vacation To Begin Wednesday

School will be dismissed at the close of class sessions next Tuesday afternoon for the annual two-week Christmas vacation. Classes will reconvene Wednesday morning, January 2.

Holiday Dance For All Students Will Be Dec. 28

Sponsored by the Student Senate and backed by the Joplin Junior Chamber of Commerce, a semi-formal dance, open to all college students, will be held Friday night, December 28, in the College auditorium. Music for the dance, starting at 9 o'clock, will be provided by the Max Brown band of Neosho.

Henry Baker, president of the Student Senate, has appointed Joe Pendergraft as general chairman of the event. Baker also appointed the following committees to plan the dance: tickets, Francis Bennett; publicity, Billie Krummel, chairman, Orville Brill, Larry Robbins, and Ron Robson; decorations, Lynne Francis, chairman, Nancy Patterson, Virginia Cooper, Bill Shields, and Dee Conner; refreshments, Howard Cooper, chairman, and Jimmy Bridges; skit Franz Stangl, chairman, and Billie Krummel; faculty invitations, Pat Crews; and ticket collection, Sue Holt.

Refreshments will be furnished by the sponsoring organizations. Admission is one dollar a couple.

Rabbi Latz Talks About Book of Amos

Rabbi Charles Latz discussed the Book of Amos from the Old Testament at a combined meeting of the English literature and American history classes last Friday in the auditorium.

Rabbi Latz told of the challenges which Amos hurled upon his people, and then asked if there was a need for a modern-day Amos.

What Is Christmas?

What is Christmas? It is many things. It is the warm glow of a lighted candle, the smell of cedar from a tree recently placed in the living room, and the sparkle of tinfoil and bright ornaments hanging from its boughs.

It is the twinkle in the eyes of a child when he sleepily opens his presents as the first rays of the new Christmas morning peep cheerily over the hill.

It is the white pureness of the new-fallen snow, and the dripping of icicles as they yield to the warming day.

It is the contented look on the face of a mother when she sees that she has chosen her gifts wisely and the father's beaming smile as he displays the new rifle he has received.

It is a group of people in a church, praying to their God and realizing the splendor of the magic day.

It is the bustle of shoppers as they hurry happily along their way, their hearts rich with love for their fellows and full of gladness to be alive.

Christmas is all these things, yet it is more. It is a special time, a joyous time, when every person is possessed by an exciting spirit and thankful to his Creator that he is a part of this wonderful season.

Helen Boles To Paint Portrait In Jan. Assembly

Mrs. Helen Taylor Boles will demonstrate her technique of portrait painting at a Junior College assembly Wednesday, January 9. Arthur Boles, College art instructor and husband of Mrs. Boles, will narrate the demonstration.

A graduate of the Chicago Art Institute, Mrs. Boles has done graduate work at Illinois Institute of Technology and has exhibited her paintings in New York City, Chicago, and Philadelphia.

Last summer Mrs. Boles was commissioned by a Chicago engineers club to paint the portrait of one of the elder members of the club. Working six hours a day, the Joplin artist completed the portrait within two weeks. A two-page story on Mrs. Boles and the painting appeared in the club magazine.

Delegation Goes To Cottey Parley

Five students of the social science department attended a political emphasis conference Wednesday, December 5, at Cottey College. The Nevada meeting was sponsored by the College Clearing House, an independent organization promoting an interest in politics among students.

Robert Crawford, State Representative from Vernon County, and Leroy Shantz, Greene County recorder, spoke at the parley. Crawford told of his experiences as a legislator and of his management of the campaign of Senator Thomas Hennings.

Students representing Joplin Junior College at the conclave, attended by Cottey, Drury, Park, and Southwest Missouri State, were Mary Ann Tutt, Virginia Cooper, Jim Harrell, Jerry Cooper, and Carl Moellinger. Instructor Arnold Irwin accompanied them.

The conferees were assigned individual Cottey hostesses who guided them on a campus tour.

Christmas Through the Ages

Christmas, as we all know, is the commemoration of the birth of Jesus which is observed by the Christian church annually on December 25. But how many of us know the true history of the celebration?

The name itself is derived from the medieval **Cristes Masse**, the Mass of Christ. Since the Christian usage of the term in general was to celebrate the death of remarkable persons, the Christian church did not observe the birth of Christ in the early centuries. In the fifth century the Western church ordered the feast to be celebrated on the day of the Mithraic rites of the birth of the sun and at the close of the Saturnalia, as no certain knowledge of the day of Christ's birth existed.

To commemorate the return of the sun, the German and Celtic tribes held their chief festival of yule, which, like other pagan celebrations, became adapted to Christmas.

Most of the customs now associated with Christmas were pre-Christian and non-Christian ones, rather than original Christmas customs. Derived from a Roman feast Saturnalia were the elaborate feasting, the giving of gifts, and the burning of candles. Nativity plays early became a part of the Christmas celebrations, and about the thirteenth century merry songs on religious themes became an important part of the Christmas activities. The representation in church of the creche is said to have been begun by Saint Francis. In the United States the customs and traditions of many nationalities and faiths have gradually blended into common usage forming a new tradition, the one with which we are familiar.

Soldiers Battle Abnormal Psychology

Dr. Lloyd Dryer teaches one class in addition to his resident work. Two nights each week he goes to Fort Crowder to instruct servicemen in the various phases of psychology. At present the College counselor is teaching a class in abnormal psychology to 20 enlisted men and officers, from privates to colonels.

During the two years that Dr. Dryer has instructed night classes at Fort Crowder, the College has offered courses in general psychology, educational psychology, applied psychology, sociology, and abnormal psychology. About half of his present class has taken all five of the courses.

Students passing this course will receive the regular number of college hours.

The Army pays most of the tuition for the servicemen who attend the classes during their spare time. No special incentives are promised to those who enroll, but, because the people finishing the classes are perhaps better pre-

pared, they may be promoted faster.

Dr. Dryer says that he enjoys teaching the classes and has experienced a great satisfaction in seeing the men and women at Fort Crowder work together so well, regardless of rate or rank.

Filter Center Team Simulates Duties In Assembly Dec. 5

Under the direction of Technical Sergeant Thomas Cramer, four volunteers from the Joplin Air Defense Filter unit demonstrated the operation of a center at the College assembly last week. The team used miniature equipment in presenting their demonstration.

Members of the team are Mrs. Arthur Kungle, Mrs. Wilma Collins, Mrs. Bernice Wardlow, and Mrs. Florence Barton. Mrs. Collins is a former student of Joplin Junior College.

The Modern Athena: Mary Ann Tutt



"The girl with the short, dark brown hair, who walks very erect and makes all E's" aptly describes Mary Ann Tutt, a sophomore at Joplin Junior College.

A 1955 graduate of Joplin High School, Mary Ann has definite plans for her education. After completing her work at Juco, she intends to study at the University of Arkansas. She wants to teach English and history on the secondary school level.

Although Mary Ann feels that Joplin Junior College courses are difficult, she maintained a straight "E" average during her freshman year which paved the road for her membership in Phi Theta Kappa. Recently she was appointed secretary of the Student Senate. She also finds time for reading several favorite science fiction stories, listening to her hi-fi record player at home, and working after school at Kassab's dress shop.

One of Mary Ann's most pleasant memories is of the time she was pinned to a member of Lambda Chi Alpha at the University of Arkansas. Another event she often recalls is the trip she took to attend a sorority convention in New York.

Mary Ann, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack H. Tutt of 2805 Wall avenue, is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Christmas Spirit

By Beverly Kluge

I didn't think he'd heard me
When he looked so much with
dread,
And sadly turned away from me,
And slowly shook his head.

I was only a little girl;
But I remember his face,
As he began to speak
In his clear, uneven bass.

"What does Christmas mean
to me?
Well, child, I don't quite know."
He stopped, then began again,
This time his face aglow.

"It used to mean snow and holly,
Of which you became a part.
It used to mean giving
With pleasure in your heart.

"It used to mean bells and chimes,
And things everyone could afford,
It used to mean celebrating
The coming of our Lord."

Sadly his voice faded
And he turned and walked away,
Leaving my question unanswered,
His head bent and gray.

What does Christmas mean to us?
Is the real meaning lost?
Do we judge our gifts
By what they may have cost?

Is the spirit of Christmas
Really gone from sight?
Or merely shadowed by other
things,
So it isn't quite so bright?

Coeds Weigh Biographies Of Sportswoman and Statesman

'This Life I've Led'

By Babe Didrikson Zaharias

"This Life I've Led" is the autobiography of Babe Didrikson Zaharias. The book was written with the assistance of a tape recorder, and then the recording was transferred to manuscript form by Harry Paxton. The story, told in chronological order, is more than a chronicle of the Babe's athletic career. It is a self-portrait of a warm and vivid person.

The account begins with the stories of her Beaumont, Texas, childhood with her "wonderful Mamma and Pappa," and her six brothers and sisters. The closeness and affection of her family was reflected throughout her life in a friendly, cheerful outlook on the world and everybody in it.

She tells of her experiences in all the fields of sports in which she has shown talent: baseball, football, basketball, diving, javelin throw, track, high jump, and, of course, golf, in which she is the most famous. The Babe shows her attitude toward her husband, George, when she dedicates the book: "To George, without whom there never would have been a life to lead."

She Wins Highest Honors

Mrs. Zaharias was five times voted woman athlete of the year by the Associated Press and she also received the Greatest Female Athlete of the half-century award.

The section of the book that receives the most space is the last few chapters which tell of Mrs. Zaharias's struggle against cancer and her great comeback after her operation. Three and one-half months after a very serious colostomy the Babe was playing in a golf tournament. She was awarded the Ben Hogan trophy for the Greatest Comeback of the year. After her operation, she played in many benefit tournaments for cancer.

The book ends in September, 1955, which was the year before her death.

Story Realistically Written

It is definitely no literary masterpiece. There seems to be no effort to use well constructed sentences or any of the specific rules of writing. The way it is written, however, gives a better picture of the subject than if it had been a masterpiece. The reader can hear the Babe talking in certain parts of the book, such as the time she tells about being sent to Chicago as a one-girl track team to try to win the national women's championship singlehanded. "It came time to announce my 'team.' I spurted out there all alone, waving my arms, and you never heard such a roar. It brought out goosebumps all over me. I can feel them now, just thinking about it."

Since the book pertains mostly to golf, it would be of more inter-

est to those persons who know much about that game. The book is of particular interest to girls who are thinking of entering the world of sports. A person who does not know much about golf would enjoy the book for the personal story of a great woman.

—Susan Askins

'That Reminds Me'

By Alben W. Barkley

"That Reminds Me," the memoirs of Alben W. Barkley, successfully portrays the life and wide field of experiences that mold and make a politician. With the assistance of Mr. Sidney Sholett, a noted journalist, Mr. Barkley tells the story of his life. Drawing from his inexhaustible fund of anecdotes and reminiscences, the former Vice-President presents the reader with a brilliant political career paralleled by a warm and interesting personal story of success.

'Barkley Swept Here'

Born in a log cabin in Graws County, Kentucky, he was gifted with a rare ability to speak well before any group of people. "As a matter of fact, my first memory of ever evoking merriment from an audience occurred when I was about nine years old and accompanied my father to a tobacco warehouse at Lowes ..."

At the age of fourteen, young Alben accepted a janitor's job at Marvin College in Clinton, Kentucky, in return for a higher education. The college is gone now, but the dormitory remains as a hotel with a sign that proclaims: "Barkley swept here."

Public Life

The book relates how he entered national politics by becoming a candidate for the United States Senate. His promotion from the office of Senator to Vice-President of the United States is told in such an unusual way that the reader can almost imagine himself traveling along with "The Veep," taking part in the political machinery of the United States government. To read of Mr. Barkley's personal, as well as political associations with such men as Woodrow Wilson, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Harry S. Truman gives only a brief idea of the serious, perceptive, and dedicated public citizen he represented.

Alben Barkley, after reaching the age of seventy-five and completing forty-seven years in public service, retired to permit young, aspiring politicians to carry on the work that he had been instrumental in starting. Soon after his retirement, the famous gentleman began his story, "That Reminds Me." The simple style of writing, the humorous anecdotes, and the sections of pictures and illustrations are combined to provide the reader with an interesting story, as well as an informative one.

—Janis Rickman



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Travel and See The World:

Aboard the S.S. M.L.C.

By H. B. Campbell

Would you like to make colorful voyages, learn the customs, habits and romance of neighboring countries and distant lands? Then climb aboard, landlubbers. Anyone who is studying or has studied a foreign language is eligible for a berth.

First, be it known that Admiral Lillian Spangler dedicates our ship to the proposition that we are working toward peace by breaking down the greatest barrier to world understanding and cooperation, the language barrier.

Officers of the S.S. Modern Language Club are Carolyn Peterson, captain; Donna Sellers, executive officer; Bill Bacon, disbursing officer; and Billie Krummel, keeper of the Ship's log.

Highlighting activities found among the entries to date follow.

Foreign Foods Dinner

October 20, 1956: Wind, calm; water, blue and serene. Made safe the anchor. All hands are invited ashore to partake of a supper with dishes served from each of the three countries the crew represents. Admiral Spangler was hostess in her quarters at Porter Cove. Afterward Admiral Cleetis Headlee related her travels in Mexico, made under the auspices of her summer home port, Arizona State College. Admiral Headlee ended her interesting and comprehensive lecture with an enjoiner for us to visit her quarters and see a collection of the native lore of Mexico, which many of us advantageously did.

November 19, 1956: Sprightly

winds, sea rippling and corrugated. Made safe in snug harbor of Admiral Spangler's Porter Cove. All hands had been cautioned to appear in attire befitting the occasion as pictures were to be taken of the Ship's company, forever to be recorded in the Master log of all ships and crews, "The Crossroads." A delectable dinner, again prepared by Admiral Spangler, made us express gratitude for another shore leave.

Christmas Party

Our next shore leave is due December 17, when Admiral Spangler's Porter Cove will again hove into view, with a Christmas theme. Try as I may, I cannot cause the High Admiral's committee — Donna Sellers and Ramona Kunkel — to divulge a thing, Admiral Spangler offered a non-committal: "Oh! I may try my hand at anything in the cookbook." That narrows it down, but in what cookbook? French, German, or Spanish? Sail Ho!

Former Students Visit Junior College

Earl Gum and Dick Davis, former students, were recent visitors at the College.

Gum attended Juco in 1945 and 1948 and later was graduated from the University of Missouri. He is now pilot plant supervisor for the production of chemicals from natural gases for Stranolind Oil and Gas, a subsidiary of Standard of Indiana. He lives in Tulsa.

Davis was first lieutenant in the Air Force and was recently discharged. He was an observer navigator on a B47. He now works on transistors for General Electric in Schenectady, New York.

Juco Jots

J. B. Tucker, a sophomore from Seneca, was married to Patsy Yetter of Neosho on November 17.

Peggy Alexander, a sophomore, was married on November 24 to Billy Joe Price, a graduate of the University of Arkansas.

Phil Mount, a sophomore, was married to Barbara Juhnke, a '56 graduate, on Wednesday, November 21.

Charlene Cook is engaged to Don Gepford. Both attended J.J.C.

Pat Crews, a freshman, is engaged to Robert J. Kiddoo.

Margaret Helen Bean is engaged to Paul Eugene Welch.

Carolyn Middleton, who graduated last year, married Ivan Lee Irvin on November 17.

William Ingle married Darlene Jones on October 28.

Sammy Whitehorn, who attended J.J.C. last year, is engaged to Charles J. Hall.

Marilyn Shoemaker married Roger Paul Mayfield on November 9. Both are former students.

Barbara Whitehead is engaged to Frank Wilson.

Jerry Joan Owen married Robert H. Moorhead, a former student, on November 23.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mittag announce the birth of a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Campbell have a new baby girl.

Charles Garde, a '55 graduate now in the Navy, visited here recently.

Mrs. Elizabeth Robards Kemm and son, Russell Richard, of Chicago visited in Joplin during the Thanksgiving holidays. Mrs. Kemm graduated from Juco last year.

Mrs. William Reid Tweedy, Jr., the former Sue Williams, and young son recently sailed for Germany to join Lieutenant Tweedy in their new home in Baumholder.

Walter James, a University of Tulsa student, has been named senior class vice-president in campus elections. He graduated here in '55.

Senate Trims Tree

In keeping with the Christmas tradition, members of the College Student Senate have placed a large Christmas tree in the main hall of the College building. The tree is decorated annually by the student governing body.

Henry Baker, president, said that Howard Cooper, Jim Bridges and Franz Stangl purchased the tree and that Maxine Henderson, Sue Holt, Ramona Kunkel, Connie Boyington, and Lauralou Schaper served on the decorating committee.

'All the World's a stage and . . .

The Spotlights

By Duane Hunt

A chartered bus transporting dramatic and literature students will leave Joplin at 5:30 tonight for Fayetteville. A group of about 40, including teachers, will attend the presentation of "Hamlet" at the University of Arkansas.

The play is opportune for Juco's "followers of the Bard," since the literature classes have just finished studying Shakespeare's works and the dramatic students have recently been interested in The Old Vic Company's presentations of Shakespeare in New York.

So, if you hear any scholars standing in the halls repeating, "To be or not to be," they are not worrying about tests. They have just returned from Fayetteville.

'Pim' Succeeds

"Mr. Pim Passes By," the College Players' first production of the year, has set everyone talking. The play amused, intrigued, and delighted enthusiastic audiences for three nights running.

Many people were bewildered by the central staging technique. Midway in each show, however, the audience was captivated. One person was heard to say as he left the theater, "Just like the 3-D movies, only better; no glasses needed." A noteworthy theater experience was gained by both actors and audience.

Last Minute Change

Dave Gilbreath must be singled out for his last-minute entry into the part of Brian Strange. Dave, who took the part when Frank Saddler underwent an unexpected operation, gave a remarkable character portrayal. Bouquets also go to Marian Herrin, Joe Roche, Maxine Henderson, Pat Scott, Carolyn Luton, and Duane Hunt for superb presentations.

Milton W. Britezke certainly must be cheered for his first pro-

duction in Joplin, for the conversation and movement, hampered by the arena style of staging, was never allowed to drag, even though the play was an exceptionally "talky" one.

Clever interpretation of characters, delightful dialogue, exquisite setting, and authentic costumes combined to create a "sparkle and life" that enthralled all who observed the "Passing of Mr. Pim."

Student Senate Allots 1956-1957 Juco Directories

Copies of "The Lion's Tracks" were distributed to students last Thursday afternoon. Members of the Student Senate gave out the directories published under their sponsorship.

"The Lion's Tracks" for 1956-1957 contains the usual information: a list of student officers, Sophomore senators, Freshmen senators, Sophomore class officers, Freshman class officers, members of the school-sponsored organizations, a faculty directory, and a student directory.

Marines Visit Here

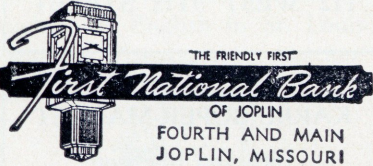
A Marine Corps officer procurement team was on the campus yesterday to discuss Marine officer training programs with students.

The team explained details of several officer training plans and distributed literature concerning the Marine Corps.



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Cage Season Underway; Lions Slate 21 Games

Coach Buddy Ball, basketball mentor at Joplin Junior College, has announced that the Lions will play 21 games this year. The schedule includes nine home games and ten conference contests.

Following are the games to be played:

Parsons Junior College	Dec. 1	HERE
Arkansas City Tournament	Dec. 6, 7, 8	THERE
Arkansas University Freshmen	Dec. 12	HERE
Independence Junior College	Dec. 13	THERE
Parsons Junior College	Dec. 18	THERE
Connors Aggies	Dec. 19	THERE
Tulsa University Freshmen	Dec. 20	THERE
Independence Junior College	Jan. 2	HERE
Highland Junior College*	Jan. 7	THERE
Kansas City Junior College*	Jan. 8	THERE
Arkansas University Freshmen	Jan. 12	THERE
Kansas City Junior College*	Jan. 18	HERE
Wentworth Military Academy*	Jan. 30	HERE
Kemper Military Academy*	Feb. 1	THERE
Bradley University Freshmen	Feb. 9	THERE
Wentworth Military Academy*	Feb. 12	THERE
Highland Junior College*	Feb. 14	HERE
Fort Scott Junior College*	Feb. 18	HERE
Kemper Military Academy*	Feb. 20	HERE
Fort Scott Junior College*	Feb. 22	THERE
Connors Aggies	Feb. 26	HERE

(*) Conference games

Lion Grid Team Finishes Second In Eastern U.S.

Coach Dudley Stegge has received word from the National Junior College Athletic Association that the Lions completed the season as the second-ranking team in the eastern half of the United States.

The only team to finish higher than J.J.C. was Grand Rapids, Michigan, who compiled a 7-0-1 record this season.

Joplin's season mark stands at 6-1-1, the best ever achieved by a Joplin football team.

Parsons Smashes Green and Gold In Season Opener

Displaying a well-balanced attack, the Parsons, Kansas, Cardinals rolled over the Joplin Junior College Lions of Coach Buddy Ball in the season opener for both squads December 1 on the Memorial Hall hardwoods, 75-68.

It looked like Joplin's game from the outset, as Bill Haynes made his first two of 12 foul shots for the Lions. Joplin moved steadily ahead until they were leading 10-4.

Ball's cagers couldn't hold back the towering Cardinals, however, and quickly lost their early lead.

Even though Joplin lost, sparky little Bill Haynes turned in his typical performance, grabbing game scoring honors with 22 points.

Bob Speedy, an All-American, Plays Today in Mississippi Game

Bob Speedy, a member of the Joplin Junior College Lions, is among 44 junior college football players from across the nation who will participate in the first annual All-American game today in Jackson, Mississippi.



The 44 players will be divided into two teams, with one representing the East and the other the West.

The 180-pound right halfback was selected for the honor by the

Wigwam Wisemen of America.

Speedy, an army veteran, was selected captain for the 1956 season by other members of the J.J.C. squad. He led Joplin scoring in several games during the year and had 12 touchdowns and 10 extra points to his credit. He is a two-year letterman.

A sophomore, Speedy formerly attended St. Peter's Catholic high school.

Carrie Crockett Bowls In State Tournament

Carrie Crockett bowled in the women's state bowling tournament November 10 and 11 at St. Joseph. The freshman bowled in the singles, doubles, and team divisions. She bowled her best lines in the singles with a 528 handicap for the series.

"It was definitely not my time to bowl, but I had fun whether I won or lost," commented Mrs. Crockett about her trip.

The tournament was held throughout the entire month of November.

Two Cheerleaders Join College Squad

Sue Blizzard and Margaret Haughawout were elected new cheerleaders for the Juco Lions. They were selected by the old cheerleaders at a recent meeting. They were elected to fill the vacancy created by Peggy Alexander.

Due to the difficulty in deciding between Sue and Margaret, the group selected both of them, thus making seven cheerleaders. This is the first time for several years that J.J.C. has had seven cheerleaders.

Sports Synopsis

By Ron Martin

Of late there has been much talk concerning school spirit and participation in extra-curricular activities.

But are the sources from whence this talk stems actually practicing what they preach? Or are they merely expounding theories, not paying any heed to them?

At the Joplin-Parsons basketball game the other night, a person was overheard talking about "Joplin's six students." For it seemed that there were only about six students yelling for Joplin, and those six were the cheerleaders, whose job it is to yell and make noise in general. None of the Joplin fans were participating in the cheering, even though they outnumbered the Parsons spectators.

It is not proposed here to offer a solution to this problem, but something definitely should be done. Perhaps those with loud voices and ample fortitude will see fit to exercise them at future basketball games.

Juco Wins Fourth In Arkansas City Cage Tourney

After dropping their first two games of the year, the Lions of Coach Buddy Ball defeated St. John's of Winfield, Kansas, and Pueblo, Colorado, to cop fourth place in the All-Junior College basketball tournament held December 6-8, at Arkansas City, Kansas.

In the preliminaries of the tournament, the Joplinites fell before Tonkawa, Oklahoma, 70-50.

Ball's cagers took command and overpowered a St. John's quintet, 84-50, to start their polished machine moving. Bill Haynes led Joplin's scoring attack with 17 points, but he was closely followed by Ken Boyer, Dub Cheney, and Jerry Snow with 12 points, and Jim Wyatt with 11 counters.

Going into the second half with a two-point deficit, the Joplin quintet out-scored the Pueblo, Colorado, basketeers to win 78-76. Mel Haynes took scoring honors with a 24-point barrage. Prior to that game, Mel had hit for only four points. Teammate Jerry Snow took runner-up honors with 20 markers.

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